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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Each governing board of a public institution of higher education shall submit a report to the Tennessee higher education commission by November 1, 2020, and by November 1 of each year thereafter, detailing for the most recent fiscal year, each individual:

(1) Who worked for or performed research at a public institution of higher education governed by the governing board at any point during the most recent fiscal year pursuant to an exchange or visitor visa; and

(2) Whose work or research was funded wholly or in part by a foreign entity.

(b) Each governing board submitting a report pursuant to subsection (a) shall not include an individual in the report who was enrolled as a student at a public institution of higher education during the most recent fiscal year.

(c) The commission shall compile the data submitted pursuant to subsection (a), and submit an aggregate report of the data to the governor and to each member of the general assembly. The commission shall post the aggregate report to the commission's website.

(d) As used in this section:

(1) "Exchange or visitor visa" means a nonimmigrant visa for a person who enters the United States temporarily for business or to participate in an

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approved exchange visitor program, and includes J-1 visas, B-1 visas, or a valid Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA), if traveling without a visa under the Visa Waiver Program; and

(2) "Foreign entity" means a foreign nation, a political subdivision of a foreign nation, or an organization sponsored, operated, or funded by a foreign nation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.